

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD
JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 16, 2010
COUNCIL CONVENED AT 6:17 P.M.

1. The City Council Clerk called the meeting to order in the absence of the Mayor and recognize Alderman Mark who moved that Alderman Hervey serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the meeting. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Curran. MOTION PREVAILED.
- 1a. The invocation was given by Chaplain David Sorrell, First Church of the Nazarene/Police Chaplain and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by City Council Page Yesenia Centeno.
2. Roll Call:

Alderman Hervey, Mayor Pro Tem

Aldermen: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, (Hervey), Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Absent: -0-
3. Alderman Mark moved to accept the Journal of Proceedings of August 9, 2010, seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

Alderman Wasco made a motion to amend item #57 to remove the first sentence of the motion; "Discontinue the office of Human Resources Director of the City of Rockford and that the City Council devolves the duties of that office to the City Administrator," seconded by Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.

The Journal of Proceedings as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

4. William Allen requested the deteriorated portion of Willis Avenue near Kinsey be repaired. Referred to Public Works Department.
5. Rev. Earl Dotson, Sr. commended Mayor Morrissey for continuing to advocate the importance of education and suggested using the Church School building as a community learning center.
6. Alberta Jones suggested utilizing the Church School building as an educational/training center.
7. Glenn Patterson urged the Council to consider the Church School building as an educational/community center.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

8. Alderman Robertson submitted a request from Jimmy Vitale, Stone Eagle Tavern, requesting two temporary banners staked in the ground , in conjunction with a fundraiser for Joe Marino statue on August 17, 2010 at 6445 East State Street (Stone Eagle Tavern). Alderman Robertson moved the grant the Prayer of the Petitioner, seconded by Alderman Jacobson. MOTION PREVAILED.
9. Alderman Johnson submitted four (4) requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement.
10. Alderman Johnson submitted an e-mail from Jeffrey Smith concerning a foul smell of garbage and sewage present in his neighborhood. Referred to Public Works Department.
11. Alderman Jacobson submitted two (2) requests for service. Referred to Community Development/Code Enforcement, Public Works Department and Police Department.
12. Alderman Beck submitted a Memorandum from Jennifer Cacciapaglia, City Attorney, regarding the Honorary Street Name Change/Pitney Place – N. Horsman Street (between W. State Street and Mulberry Street). Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
13. Alderman Beck submitted the Rockford Traffic Commission Minutes from the meeting held on August, 11, 2010. Referred to Code and Regulation Committee.
14. Alderman Beck submitted a letter from John Guth, Executive Director of Ken-Rock, support the proposed Village of Southgate Residential Project and Plaza Shopping Center Parking Lot and Building Façade Project. Placed on File.
15. Alderman Mark submitted an Emergency Purchase Order from Tim Holdeman, Superintendent, Water Division. Norwest Construction, Inc. of South Beloit for roadway repairs associated with the replacement of water main along the 800 block of Hovey Ave. The cost of repairs is not to exceed \$25,000. The funding will come from Water Division Operating Funds. Placed on File.

NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS

16. Alderman Beck read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the proposed ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater for the area surrounding 1010-1012 East State Street. LAID OVER.
17. Alderman Beck read a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the settlement of the claim of Amber Sawyer in the amount of \$2,115.25 with a release to be obtained. LAID OVER.

2010-277CR

18. Alderman Mark read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Sandy Hollow Emergency Repairs be made to William Charles Construction, of

Loves Park, Illinois for a total of \$1,098,063.44 for Option #2. The funding source is Emergency Repair Program Funds.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2010-278CR

19. Alderman Mark read a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the bids received for City-Wide Pavement Marking 2010 be rejected and new bids taken as soon as possible. The funding source is Sales Tax.

Alderman Mark moved to suspend Rule 11, seconded by Alderman Timm. MOTION PREVAILED. The Committee Report was placed on Passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

20. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending approval of the total vouchers for the week of August 16, 2010 in the amount of \$2,042,380.34. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

21. Alderman Thompson-Kelly read a Planning and Development Committee Report to whom was referred a memorandum from Vicki Manson, Development Programs Manager, begs leave recommending approval of the attached Purchase Agreement with Landwhite Developers, LLC for the purchase of the property located at 1419 Blaisdell Ave. (Church School). The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate ordinance. LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

22. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming the week of August 16, 2010 to be "BLACK FAMILY REUNION WEEK" in Rockford, Illinois and urged all citizens to support the efforts of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

23. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Mayor Morrissey, presented a Proclamation proclaiming Sunday, August 22, 1010 to be "WEST HIGH SCHOOL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY" in Rockford, Illinois and called upon all past graduates and citizens to join us in honoring and celebrating this special event.
24. Alderman Mark mentioned he attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Rockford's University of Illinois Health and Sciences Campus on Thursday, August 12th.
25. Alderman Thompson-Kelly reported the Tools For School, Pencils in the Park Event was a huge success this past weekend with over 3,000 in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2010-279CR

26. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the bids for City-Wide Microsurfacing – 2010 be rejected. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2010-280CR

27. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the award for Insurance Brokerage Services be made to Coyle-Varland, of Rockford, Illinois for their annual fee of \$29,000 with four annual extensions for five years. The funding source is Risk Management Fund. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -13-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: -0-

2010-281CR

28. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of a Finance and Personnel Committee Report recommending the Engineering Agreement: Larchmont Subdivision Water Main be made to Arnold Lundgren Associates for design engineering for a total not to exceed cost of \$28,700. The funding for this project will come from WRIA. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

29. Alderman Hervey moved the adoption of an appointment to Director of Human Resources; Ms. Julia Valdez to replace Jessica Jones.

Alderman McNeely made a motion to suspend rule 15 to change the order of business to first address unfinished business item V.1. before voting on IV.1., seconded by Alderman Curran. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Thompson-Kelly voted no).

30. Alderman Wasco moved the adoption of a Motion; With economic challenges facing the City of Rockford and declining revenues for the City of Rockford the City Council of the City of Rockford hereby directs the City Administrator to oversee the operations of the Human Resources Department with no additional monetary compensation to anyone unless approved by the City Council. Once the 2011 budget is approved the search for a new director or replacement may take place with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City of Rockford. I put this up to take action on and vote on, on Monday, August 16, so it will be agendaed for the meeting.

Alderman Wasco made a motion to Suspend Rules so the Matter could be heard without referral to committee, seconded by Alderman Mark. MOTION PREVAILED.

Alderman Robertson made a friendly motion to amend the Motion to read as follows:

With economic challenges facing the City of Rockford and declining revenues for the City of Rockford the City Council of the City of Rockford hereby directs **"the Mayor to appoint an interim Human Resources Director and will pay the usual, customary and traditional 5% above their base salary for all time served as an interim Human Resources Director."** Once the 2011 budget is approved the search for a new director or replacement may take place with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City of Rockford., seconded by Alderman Jacobson.

Alderman Beck made a motion to lay the Motion over, seconded by Alderman Hervey.

Patrick Hayes, Legal Director, made a ruling on Alderman Beck's motion to lay the Motion over. He explained this is the first time this Motion is before the City Council and up for passage, and as the item would otherwise have been sent to committee but for the suspension of rules, the matter should be laid over on the Motion and second without debate or a vote. State law requires for a matter coming out of committee be laid over in this manner, and the Council does not have the authority to thwart State law by suspending its rules.

Alderman Hervey ruled the matter would be laid over.

Alderman Wasco moved to appeal the ruling of the Chair to lay the item over, seconded by Alderman Thompson-Kelly. MOTION PREVAILED (Ald. Hervey voted no).

The Motion as amended was placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, McNeely, Robertson -11-
Nays: Hervey, Elyea, Beck -3-
Absent: -0-

The matter of the approval of an appointment to Director of Human Resources; Ms. Julia Valdez to replace Jessica Jones, was placed up for passage. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Hervey, Elyea, Beck -3-
Nays: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, McNeely, Robertson -11-
Absent: -0-

2010-282CR

31. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the approval of the amendment to Chapter II, Section 2-31, Rule 8 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the signature requirement on committee reports to read as follows:

Section 2-31 – Rules of procedure and order of business.

(b) *Rule 8.* All reports of committees shall be addressed to the city council. A committee report shall be signed by a majority of the committee members present when a quorum exits. A committee member or city staff member may sign a committee report on behalf of another committee member upon request and in the presence of the committee member for whom said committee report is being signed. All committee reports shall include a statement as to which committee members were present at the committee meeting and those who were not.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -13-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: -0-

2010-283CR

32. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending the sale of the vacant lot located at 819 Seminary Street for a minimum bid of \$2,500, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining owner-occupied property owner. The Legal Director shall prepare the appropriate Ordinance. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

33. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development for a Multi-Family Residential Development consisting of one hundred fifty-eight (158) units on one lot in a C-3, General Commercial District at 1277 Asche Avenue and 15xx Sandy Hollow Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The Special Use Permit shall be in conformance with the approved building elevations as shown on Exhibit S of the staff report dated 7/15/10.
2. The Special Use Permit shall be in conformance with the submitted sit design, layout (with modification submitted on 8/2/10) and accesses from Sandy Hollow as depicted in Exhibits L & M of the staff report dated 7/15/10.
3. Landscaping for the site shall be in accordance with the City of Rockford Ordinances, inclusive of the open space and recreational areas.
4. Pedestrian walkways shall be incorporated throughout the development as reviewed and approved by staff.
5. An illumination plan shall be submitted for review and approval by staff.
6. The existing billboard on the site shall be removed prior to issuance of building permitting for the development.
7. The development shall be in conformance with City storm water detention ordinance and requirements.
8. All dumpsters shall be enclosed with the same brick materials as the buildings.
9. The parking area for the adjacent northerly commercial property shall be constructed and landscaped by June 1st if 2011 or within six (6) weeks of the opening of the Asphalt Batch Plant in Winnebago County, whichever comes later.
10. The façade of the adjacent commercial property shall be improved as part of the residential building permit process as depicted on Exhibits N & S of the staff report dated 7/15/10; no occupancy shall be given for any building permits prior to the commercial façade improvements being completed.
11. The existing fire land shown on the southerly portion of northerly lot as part of the Kmart Development shall be maintained clear of any vehicles, structures, parking, etc. for the intended use of fire access. The paved area shall be repaired along the fire lane access as part of the reconstructed northerly parking lot.
12. All applicable building and fire codes shall be met as part of the development of the site.

Approval is based on the findings of fact. The Legal Director shall prepare the necessary Ordinance.

Alderman Jacobson made a motion to lay the committee report over, seconded by Alderman McNeely. Committee Report is LAID OVER.

2010-285CR

34. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of a Code and Regulation Committee Report recommending that "No Action" be taken on the following item:

Request from Russell Calvagna to repeal the existing 2-way stop sign control at the intersection of 9th Avenue and 23rd Street and replace with 4-way stop sign control.

MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, McNeely, Robertson -14-
Nays: -0-
Absent: -0-

2010-088-O

35. Alderman Beck moved the adoption of an Ordinance For Text Amendments to City of Rockford Ordinance to: Article 92 Definitions; 20-004 Allowed Uses; 21-002 Allowed Uses; 22-002 Allowed Uses; 23-002 Allowed Uses; 30-004 Mandatory Planned Unit Developments; 30-007 Design Standards and Criteria; 30-008 Procedures; 40-002-K, L, M; Article 91 General Terms. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes: Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly,
Johnson, Timm, Beach, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -13-
Nays: McNeely -1-
Absent: -0-

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2010-117R

36. Alderman Hervey, on behalf of the Finance and Personnel Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Central Services Manager to take bids/proposals for the following:

- A. Bid: PCC Patching, funding source: Water & Street Operating Budgets
- B. Bid: Waterworks Supplies and Materials, funding source: Water Division Operating Budget
- C. Bid: Well Site Decommissioning & Demolition at Unit Wells U04,U11, U12,U16, U20 & U27, funding source: IEPA Funds & 25 million GO Limited Tax Debt Certificates Series 2008
- D. Bid: Dehumidification Equipment, funding source: Water Fund
- E. Bid: Street, Sewer, Traffic, Water Materials, funding source: Divisional Operating Budgets
- F. Bid Police Video Surveillance Expansion, funding source: Weed & Seed and JAG
- G. RFP: Emergency Solutions Grant, funding source: Grant Funds
- H. RFP: Extrication Equipment for the Fire Department, funding source: Federal Grant and Foreign Fire Tax monies

MOTION PREVAILED.

2010-118R

37. Alderman Mark moved the adoption of a Resolution requesting permission from IDOT to temporarily close Illinois Route 2 (Wyman Street), a State Highway in the City of Rockford from Cedar Street to Chestnut Street on September 25, 2010 for the Great Lakes Shriner's Parade. MOTION PREVAILED.

2010-119R

38. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a Special Event Permit for Great Lakes Shrine Association, in conjunction with a Fall Ceremonial (Parade) being held on September 25, 2010 beginning at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 7910 Newburg Road. MOTION PREVAILED.

2010-120R

39. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a Special Event Permit and a Liquor Permit for consumption of liquor outdoors ("S" license) for Someplace Else II, SPE Street Festival on August 28, 2010 at 1014 Charles Street. MOTION PREVAILED.

2010-121R

40. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a Special Event Permit and a Liquor Permit for consumption of liquor outdoors on public property ("SP" license) for Businesses of Block 5 and the Element, Block 5 Festival on August 28, 2010, 500 block of East State Street. MOTION PREVAILED.

2010-122R

41. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a Special Event Permit for Kingdom Authority International Ministries, Mark Barmore Memorial and March on August 28, 2010 beginning at 11:00 am – 9:00 pm at 518 North Court Street. MOTION PREVAILED.

2010-123R

42. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a Special Event Permit and a Liquor Permit for consumption of liquor on public property ("SP" license) for the On The Waterfront Festival. Ten thousand dollars shall be expended from the Redevelopment Fund for use toward the cost of security at the Festival in downtown Rockford within fenced festival grounds, for the following dates and times:

9/2/10	5:00 pm to Midnight
9/3/10	5:00 pm to Midnight
9/4/10	11:30 am to Midnight
9/5/10	11:30 am to Midnight

2010-124R

43. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a Special Event Permit and a Liquor Permit for consumption of liquor on private property ("S" license) for the On The Waterfront Festival. Ten thousand dollars shall be expended from the Redevelopment Fund for use toward the cost of security at the

Festival in downtown Rockford within fenced festival grounds, for the following dates and times:

9/3/10	5:00 pm to Midnight (Admiral's Club until 1:00 am)
9/4/10	11:30 am to Midnight (Admiral's Club until 1:00 am)
9/5/10	11:30 am to Midnight (Admiral's Club until 1:00 am)

Alderman Beach made a motion to amend items #42 and #43 (On The Waterfront Festival Resolutions) to offer the \$10,000 for the cost of security at the On The Waterfront Festival as a loan, seconded by Alderman Thompson-Kelly. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Hervey, Thompson-Kelly, Beach, Elyea, Robertson – 5-
Nays:	Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Beck, McNeely -9-
Absent:	-0-

Alderman Beach made a motion to separate the monetary portion from the permit portion of items #42 and #43 (On The Waterfront Festival Resolutions), seconded by Alderman Thompson-Kelly. MOTION FAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Thompson-Kelly, Beach, McNeely -3-
Nays:	Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Hervey, Jacobson, Johnson, Timm, Elyea, Beck, Robertson -11-
Absent:	-0-

On The Waterfront Festival Resolutions (Items #42 and #43) were placed up for passage. MOTION PREVAILED by a Roll Call vote of:

Ayes:	Sosnowski, Curran, Mark, Wasco, Jacobson, Thompson-Kelly, Johnson, Timm, Beck, Robertson -10-
Nays:	Hervey, Beach, Elyea, McNeely -4-
Absent:	-0-

2010-125R

44. Alderman Beck, on behalf of the Code and Regulation Committee, moved the adoption of a Resolution for a Special Event Permit for SWIFTT/REAL TALK RADIO, in conjunction with a festival on September 4, 2010 beginning at 11:00 am to 5:00 pm in the 1000 block of South Main/Lot K. MOTION PREVAILED.

NEW BUSINESS

45. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 62 and Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Zoning Map Amendment from R-2, Two-Family Residential to C-3, General Commercial District; a Special Use Permit for auto body shop, towing and outside storage of tow trucks and customer cars; a Variation to reduce the parking lot setback from twenty feet wide to ten feet wide; and a Variation to reduce the required landscape buffer width from twenty feet wide to ten

feet wide along the west side adjacent to residential in a C-3, General Commercial District at 815 and 821 Kishwaukee Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Submittal of revised site plan including the required handicap spaces for Staff's review and approval.
2. Submittal of a landscape plan prior to issuance of a building permit to Staff's review and approval.
3. There shall be no overnight outside storage of customer vehicles and only tow trucks may be stored overnight which will be limited to the location of the new parking lot.
4. All vehicles waiting for repair shall be currently licensed and registered.
5. There shall be no outside storage of vehicle parts, tires, wrecked/damaged and/or unlicensed vehicles.
6. Submittal of a fence elevation plan to be provided for Staff's review and approval.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. LAID OVER.

46. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Article 62 and Article 63 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rockford for a Zoning Map Amendment from C-1, Limited Office District to C-2, Limited Commercial District; and a Special Use Permit for in-patient medical treatment facility and nursing care facility of more than ten acres in a C-2, Limited Commercial District at 33xx and 3520 School Street. Approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. Meeting all applicable building and fire codes.
2. Submittal of a final plat and building elevations for Staff review prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact. LAID OVER.

47. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance for the right-of-way agreement with Swedish American Health Systems. LAID OVER.
48. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

No Parking Anytime in the cul-de-sac and on both side of the 900 block of Grant Avenue from the cul-de-sac north for 30 feet.

LAID OVER.

49. Alderman Beck introduced and read an Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 293 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That traffic on 13th Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of 23rd Street.

LAID OVER.

OFFICERS REPORTS

- 50. Alderman Jacobson announced today is his birthday and cake will be served after council.
- 51. Alderman Hervey wished Alderman Jacobson a happy birthday.
- 52. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Reed
City Council Clerk

[The meeting was taped in its entirety, and the tape is on file in the Legal Department]

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS
City Council Chambers, 2ND floor City Hall
425 E. State Street, Rockford
August 23, 2010
6:00 P.M.
(AMENDED) AGENDA

The following represents, in general, the chronological order of proceedings at the City Council meeting:

- Call to Order by the Mayor
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call and determination of quorum
- Acceptance of Journal of Proceedings
- Public Hearing
- Public Participation
- Petitions and Communications
- New Committee Reports (Reports of Standing Committees – Code and Regulation, Finance and Personnel, Planning and Development - and other select committees)

I. NEW COMMITTEE REPORTS TO BE READ IN AUGUST 23, 2010

A. CODE AND REGULATIONS

1. Beck – Traffic - Repealing the No Parking Anytime restriction on the west side of Short Horsman Street from Cedar Street to Chestnut Street, thus restoring unrestricted parking.
 2. Beck – Traffic – No Action:
 - a. Repeal 30 minute parking restriction on both sides of 7th St. from 1st Ave. to Charles Street.
 - b. 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of 9th St. and Sawyer Road
 - c. 4-way stop sign control at the intersection of 9th St. and Roosevelt
 - d. Yield sign control at the intersection of 18th Ave. and 16th St.
 - e. Yield sign control at the intersection of 18th Ave. and 17th St.
 - f. Repeal existing 1-way stop and replace with multi-way stop sign control at the intersection of Bradley Road and North View Road.
 - g. Mid-block pedestrian crosswalk on Hunter Ave. between Swedish American Medical Office Building and employee parking lot across street.
 3. Beck – Honorary Street Name Change of North Horsman Street between West State Street and Mulberry Street to Pitney Place.
- Officers Reports
 - Unfinished Business of previous meeting

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS LAID OVER AUGUST 16, 2010

1. Beck - Code and Regulation - SUSTAINING the Zoning Board of Appeals, thereby recommending that City Council APPROVE the Special Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development for a Multi-Family Residential Development consisting of one hundred fifty-eight (158) units on one lot in a C-3, General Commercial District at 1277 Asche Avenue and 15xx Sandy Hollow Road. Approval is subject to the following conditions:
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2. Beck - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the proposed ordinance prohibiting the use of groundwater for the area surrounding 1010-1012 East State Street.
3. Beck - Code and Regulation - Recommending the approval of the settlement of the claim of Amber Sawyer in the amount of \$2,115.25 with a release to be obtained.

III. ORDINANCES LAID OVER AUGUST 16, 2010

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2. Submittal of a final plat and building elevations for Staff review prior to the issuance of a building permit.

Approval is based on the Findings of Fact.

3. Beck - Ordinance - For the right-of-way agreement with Swedish American Health Systems.
4. Beck - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Section 280 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

No Parking Anytime in the cul-de-sac and on both side of the 900 block of Grant Avenue from the cul-de-sac north for 30 feet.

5. Beck - Ordinance - Amending Chapter 16, Schedule Section 293 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford to add the following:

That traffic on 13th Avenue be required to Yield prior to entering the intersection of 23rd Street.

- Motions and Resolutions

IV. NEW BUSINESS (note: Ordinances may be read in under New Business and Rule 11 suspended and final vote taken. Committee Reports would have previously been voted on).

1. Beck – Ordinance – for the amendment to Chapter II, Section 2-31, Rule 8 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the signature requirement on committee reports to read as follows:

Section 2-31 – Rules of procedure and order of business.

(b) *Rule 8.* All reports of committees shall be addressed to the city council. A committee report shall be signed by a majority of the committee members present when a quorum exits. A committee member or city staff member may sign a committee report on behalf of another committee member upon request and in the presence of the committee member for whom said committee report is being signed. All committee reports shall include a statement as to which committee members were present at the committee meeting and those who were not.

2. Beck – Ordinance – For the sale of the vacant lot located at 819 Seminary Street for a minimum bid of \$2,500, which includes advertising with preference to the adjoining owner-occupied property owner.

* same action taken before

- Adjournment

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POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

The following items appear on the City Council Standing Committee Agendas as noted. Items may receive a vote at committee and come before the first City Council meeting held after the committee meeting. Rule 11 can be suspended and final vote taken on said items at the City Council meeting (no rule suspension is necessary to take a vote on vouchers).

CODE AND REGULATION COMMITTEE

Monday, August 23, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)

AGENDA

1. C & R 10-136 August Traffic Commission Minutes

2. C & R 10-138 Honorary Street Name Change/Pitney Place
N. Horsman Street (between W. State St. & Mulberry St.)
3. C & R 10-128 Modification to Solicitation Ordinance
4. C & R 10-102 Resolution Re: Public Participation at City Council Meetings
5. C & R 10-137 Closed Session for Purposes of Pending Litigation

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Monday, August 23, 2010, 5:15 p.m.

Conference Room B, City Hall 2nd floor (south room)

AGENDA

1. Purchasing and Vouchers
 - A. Award of RFP: Consultant for RMAP GREEN Planning Project
 - B. Award of Joint Purchasing Contract: Bulk Fuel
 - C. Award of Sole Source Contract: E-Ticketing System
 - D. Renewal of Contract: City Fueling System
 - F. Change Order: 20th Street Resurfacing 2009 – Informational Only
 - G. Change Order: City-Wide Residential Resurfacing 2010
Informational Only
 - H. Engineering Agreement: N. Main St.-Auburn St. Roundabout Phase II
 - I. Engineering Agreement: Kishwaukee Street Lighting-Construction Inspection
 - J. Emergency Purchase Order: 20th Street Bridge Wing Wall Repairs
 - K. Resolution to take Bids/Proposals
 - L. Vouchers
2. Resolution for 2010 ITEP Application: Rock River Valley Greenway
3. Community Mediation Agreement
4. FY2011 Wage Reduction All Employees
5. FY2011 Voluntary Wage Contribution Alderman

6. Financial Discussion

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday, August 23, 2010, _____ p.m.
CD Conference Room, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.

LEGISLATIVE LOBBYING COMMITTEE

**Monday, August 23, 2010, _____ p.m.
Conference Room A, City Hall 2nd floor (north room)
AGENDA**

No Meeting Scheduled.

FINANCE AND PERSONNEL MEETING OF THE WHOLE

**Saturday, August 21, 2010, 9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers, City Hall 2nd floor
AGENDA**

I. DEFICIT REDUCTION PROPOSALS - 2011 Impact

A. Follow-up on inquiries from August 7, 2010 meeting

1. MFT fund projects that would be affected by a reduction/transfer of \$1.5, \$2.0, and \$3.8 million to the general fund (Robertson)
2. Infrastructure projects in the Sales Tax fund for 2011-2012 that could be modified for cost savings to supplement the MFT fund if MFT funds are transferred to the General Fund (Hervey)
3. Closure of City Hall for one day each week (McNeely)
4. Converting to private ambulance service providers (Thompson-Kelly)
5. Transfer of Water Department funds not designated for debt service; staff reductions (Sosnowski)
6. Outsourcing Legal Department services (Sosnowski)
7. Increase AFSCME and Police benefit contributions by \$100 per month (Sosnowski)

B. Additional deficit reduction proposals and long-term deficit reduction strategies

1. Sell/privatize water services (Jacobson)

2. Sell/privatize parking services (Jacobson)
3. Combine Rockford and County Boards of Elections (Sosnowski)
4. Status and time line of outsourcing and inter-governmental efficiencies task forces

II. REVENUE GENERATION PROPOSALS

- A. Follow-up on inquiries from August 7, 2010 meeting
 1. Market/sell City assets and services to public and private sector entities such as selling water to commercial enterprises, offering public works, engineering, IT, and planning services (Beach)
 2. Increase parking fees (Jacobson)
 3. Reinstate City vehicle sticker (McNeely)

III. CRITICAL CAPITAL EQUIPMENT NEEDS - 2011-2012

- A. Fire
- B. Police
- C. Public Works